

Fake products

1846. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the NCR has emerged as an illegal manufacturing hub producing counterfeit goods from consumer goods to automobiles and medicines;

(b) whether sale of product flaunting fake labels would severely hit the export and famous brand would lose its market share;

(c) whether any study has been conducted to the quantum of amount produced due to sale of duplicate products and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) whether Government would enact any legislation and set up a joint mechanism to tackle the problem?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) and (b) No such information is available with the Department of Consumer Affairs.

(c) the Department of Consumer Affairs has not commissioned any study in this regard.

(d) The provisions in the existing legislations such as the Indian Penal Code, 1860, the Trade Marks Act, 1999, the Copyrights Act, 1957, the Patents Act, 1970, the Customs Act, 1962, the Foreign Trade (Development and Regulation) Act, 1992, the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954, the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986, the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969, the Consumer Protection Act, 1986 etc. can be invoked to tackle the problem.

Hall-marking of gold items

1847. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether hall-marking of gold items has been started;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and